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TAGS: OVIP (MONDALE, WALTER F.), AS  
SUBJ: VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO PACIFIC AND SOUTH EAST ASIA

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1. SIR ALAN CARMODY, SECRETARY OF DEPARTMENT OF PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET, TELEPHONED ME TODAY TO SAY THAT PRIME MINISTER FRASER WAS "UPSET" BY THE FACT THAT THE WORKING LUNCHEON THAT HE, FRASER, HAD REQUESTED FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 11 HAD BEEN ELIMINATED FROM THE SCHEDULE APPROVED BY THE VICE PRESIDENT AND TRANSMITTED BY REFTEL. CARMODY SAID THAT HE WISHED TO IMPORESS UPON US THAT THE PRIME MINISTER CONSIDERED THIS VISIT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT TO BE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. IT HAD BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE A HIGH AUSTRALIAN OFFICIAL HAD HAD OCCASION TO TALK WITH A HIGH AMERICAN COUNTERPART. THE PRIME MINISTER POINTED OUT THAT ON BOTH HIS RECENT VISITS TO THE U.S. HE HAD SPENT CONSIDERABLY TIME WITH THE PRESIDENT AND TOP U.S. OFFICIALS.

2. SIR ALAN SAID THAT IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S VIEW THERE REALLY WERE TWO OPTIONS. EITHER THE GOA WOULD HAVE TO MAKE THE LODGE DINNER ON APRIL 10 A COMPLETE WORKING DINNER; THAT IS, WITHOUT WIVES (WHICH HE FELT WOULD NOT BE THE OPTIMUM SOLUTION). OR, THE GOA WOULD PREFER TO  
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KEEP THE LUNCH ON APRIL 11 AS THE GOA ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED, I.E., A WORKING LUNCH WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE VICE PRESIDENT TO INCLUDE PARTICIPANTS FROM THE MORNING MEETINGS. CARMODY SUGGESTED THAT TO INVITE A LIMITED GROUP TO THE RESIDENCE BEFORE THE LODGE DINNER ON APRIL 10 MIGHT STILL BE THE BEST METHOD FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT TO SEE OTHER AUSTRALIANS AND AMERICANS THAT HE WISHED TO CONTACT.

3. I TOLD CARMODY THAT I WOULD REPORT THE PRIME MINISTER'S VIEWS TO WASHINGTON AND RECOMMEND THAT THE WORKING LUNCHEON BE HELD ON APRIL 11; FURTHER, THAT I WOULD REQUEST THE VICE PRESIDENT'S AGREEMENT TO MEET WITH A GROUP OF LEADING AUSTRALIANS ON MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 10, PRIOR TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S "WORKING DINNER" AT THE LODGE.

4. THE GOA'S NEW PROPOSED SCHEDULE WOULD GO AS FOLLOWS:

APRIL 10:

1630 AIRPORT ARRIVAL.

1650- ARRIVAL CEREMONY AND STATEMENT AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE.

1715 - ARRIVE LAKESIDE HOTEL

1800-1930 - MEETING WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT AT THE

RESIDENCE WITH SELECTED BUSINESSMEN, UNION

LEEDERS, POLITICIANS FROM OUTSIDE CANBERRA, ETC. (I

WOULD PLAN TO INVITE THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION AND HIS

WIFE)

2000- PRIME MINISTER'S (WORKING ) DINNER AT THE LODGE

APRIL 11:

0930- DEPART LAKESIDE HOTEL; WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY AT WAR MEMORIAL

1000-1200- MEETING AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE (PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN MINISTER, OTHER SENIOR MINISTERS).

PRESS COMMENTS FOLLOWING MEETING.

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1230-1400 - WORKING LUNCHEON AT RESIDENCE.

1410-1430- PRIVATE MEETING WIT GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

1630- DEPARTURE, AIRPORT CEREMONY, DEPARTURE STATEMENT.

5. THE GOA ANTICIPATES NO RPT NO EXCHANGE OF GIFTS DURING VISIT.

6. DCM CHRISTOPHER SQUIRE IS CONTROL OFFICER.

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